

REMARK

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 80-85, 94, 117-128 were amended. ~~Claims 129-132 were cancelled, without~~ prejudice. Six new claims (133-138) were added. Therefore, claims 80-85, 94, 117-128, and 133-138 are now presented for examination.

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Corrections

As an initial matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for correcting and pointing out errors from the CPA and preliminary amendment.

With regard to claims 123-124, 129 and 130-131, Applicants propose amendments herein to correct the errors.

With regard to claiming priority, Applicants claim the benefit of priority date of November 12, 1993.

Nonstatutory Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 and 61-80 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,164,989, Glad et al ("Glad"). Applicants herein submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

U.S.C. §103(a) Rejections

Aldous in view of Siemon, Hardesty, Clarke, Ingalsbe and Research Disclosure

The Examiner rejected claims 80-85, 94, 117-131 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aldous et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,183,404 ("Aldous") in view of Siemon et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,944,698 ("Siemon"), Hardesty, U.S. Patent No. 4,241,974, Clarke et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,611,875 ("Clarke"), Ingalsbe, and Research Disclosure entitled, "Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Cable Terminator/Filter Device," (RD).

True
Applicants respectfully submit that Siemon, Hardesty, Clarke, Ingalsbe, and RD do not specifically teach or reasonably suggest any of the limitations missing from Aldous. For example, as understood by the Applicants, Aldous teaches "[r]etractable access portion . . . with fixed portion through a flexible wire ribbon" and "[r]etractable portion is urged out of slot by a spring" (col. 13, lines 62-68). Stated differently, Aldous teaches having a *retractable* portion that is attached by a spring and is urged out, but not removed as recited by claim 80. Aldous does not specifically teach or reasonably suggest a card body and a receptacle module receptacle "having a portion for removable insertion into the card body to form a unitary module" as recited by claim 80 (emphasis provided). None of the other cited references, like Aldous, individually or when combined, specifically teach or reasonably suggest those limitations missing from Aldous and thus, add nothing relevant to Aldous with regard to claim 80.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 80 and its dependent claims.

With regard to independent claim 124, it contains limitations similar to those of claim 80, and accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 124 and its dependent claims.

With regard to new independent claim 133, it contains limitations similar to those of claim 80, and accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 133 and its dependent claims.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the objection and rejections have been overcome by the Amendment and Remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the objection and rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

The Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

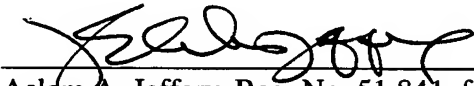
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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS -- MARKED VERSION

Presented below are the amendments with markings to indicate changes made.

80. (Amended) A [communications] device, comprising:
- a card body [for making operative and removable connection with a signal utilizing device]; and
- a receptacle module [for interfacing] to interface with a communications line, the receptacle module having a portion for removable insertion into the card body[.] to form a unitary module.
81. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim 80, wherein the receptacle module comprises a recess [configured for closely receiving] to receive a plug of the communications line.
82. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim 81, wherein the recess [is configured for closely receiving] to receive an RJ-xx series plug.
83. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim 82, wherein the RJ-xx series plug is selected from the group consisting of an RJ-11, RJ-12, and an RJ-45 plug.
84. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim 81, wherein the receptacle module further comprises first and second electrical conductors provided in each of the recesses, the first and second electrical conductor [being] positioned [such that they] to make electrical continuity with the first and second electrical contacts in the plug when the plug is received by the recess.
85. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim 80, wherein the receptacle

module comprises two recesses [configured for closely receiving] to receive two plugs, respectively.

94. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim 117, wherein the card body [is] comprises a Type III PCMCIA compliant card body.
117. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim 80, wherein the card body [is] comprises PCMCIA compliant[.] card body.
118. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim 81, wherein the receptacle module comprises a pivoting cover [that masks] to mask the recess when the pivoting cover is in a closed position, and [exposes] to expose the recess when the pivoting cover is in an open position.
119. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim 81, wherein the receptacle module [additionally] comprises an auxiliary connector[.], the auxiliary connector to connect to a wireless communications device.
120. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim [120] 119, wherein the wireless communications device comprises a portable telecommunications device [that complies], the portable telecommunications device complying with the [GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications) communications] Global System for Mobile Communications standard.
121. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim 80, wherein the receptacle module [additionally] comprises [a DAA (direct access arrangement).] a Direct Access Arrangement.

122. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim 81, wherein the receptacle module [additionally] comprises a sliding drawer [that masks] to mask the recess when the sliding drawer is retracted into the receptacle module, and [exposes] to expose the recess when the sliding drawer is extended from the receptacle module.

123. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim 80, wherein the portion of the receptacle module for removable insertion comprises a connector plug, and the card body comprises a connector receptacle, and the receptacle module is removably inserted into the card body by connecting the connector receptacle with the connector plug.

124. (Amended) A [communications] device having [at least one] a receptacle module, where [each] the receptacle module comprises a recess [for closely receiving] to receive a plug, and [each] the receptacle module is positioned in a sliding drawer[.], the sliding drawer comprises a retractable movable bottom to retract the movable bottom into the device to mask the recess, and to extend the retractable movable bottom away from the device to expose the recess.

125. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim [123,] 124, wherein the recess is configured for closely receiving an RJ-xx series plug.

126. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim [124,] 125, wherein the RJ-xx series plug is selected from the group consisting of an RJ-11, RJ-12, and an RJ-45 plug.

128. (Amended) The [communications] device of claim [126,] 124, wherein the movable bottom comprises a bevel to urge the movable bottom in an upward position when the sliding drawer is moved into a retracted position.

Claims 129-132 were cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 133-138 are new.